



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

Title: Children’s Habilitation Residential Program Waiver (CHRP) Expansion of Respite Limit and Provider Capacity Limits	Topic: HCBS-CHRP
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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Operational Memo (OM) is to inform Case Management Agencies (CMAs), Home and Community-Based Services - Children’s Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) providers, parents/legally responsible parties, families, and stakeholders of changes to the CHRP regulations expanding the Respite unit limit and the Group Home and Foster Care Home provider capacity limits.

This memo corrects an error in the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) OM 23-031 regarding the CHRP Respite benefit limit. HCPF OM 23-031 stated the limit is a maximum of thirty (30) day units or one thousand eight hundred eighty (1,880) individual units per Service Plan year. The correct unit limit is a maximum of

thirty (30) day units AND one thousand eight hundred eighty (1,880) individual units per Service Plan year.

Information:

Respite

Effective April 30, 2023, the CHRP Respite benefit limit is a maximum of thirty (30) day units and one thousand eight hundred eighty (1,880) individual units per Service Plan year. In addition, HCPF may approve a higher amount of Respite units to support the member's unique individual needs and family circumstances. To request additional Respite units, CMAs must complete the [CHRP Respite Request Google form](#) for HCPF to review and approve.

The revised regulation can be found at [10 CCR 2505-10 8.508.100.F.4.](#)

This revision to the CHRP Respite limits now aligns with the Children's Extensive Supports (CES) waiver Respite limits.

Foster Care Home and Group Home Provider Capacity Limits

Capacity refers to the maximum number of children on the CHRP waiver able to reside in a single residential setting. Previously, the CHRP regulations specifically outlined the provider capacity limits within the Habilitation benefit section. Effective April 30, 2023, the CHRP regulations cite the provider capacity limits which are found within the [Colorado Department of Human Services \(CDHS\) regulations](#) at 12 CCR 2509-8; 7.701.2, 7.708.1.A.2, 7.710.48.C.

While HCPF finances the CHRP Habilitation services, the provider capacity limits are determined by CDHS. Updating the provider capacity limits within HCBS-CHRP regulations to cite the CDHS regulations will minimize the number of changes HCPF is required to make when CDHS revises provider capacity limits.

The revised CHRP regulation can be found at [10 CCR 2505-10 8.508.100.A.7.](#)

Please refer to the charts below for updated provider capacity limits.

Group Home Capacity Limits

Children enrolled in CHRP	Children not enrolled in CHRP	Total Children
0	11	11
1	7	8
2	6	8
3	5	8
4	4	8
5	3	8
6	2	8

Foster Care Home Capacity Limits

Children enrolled in CHRP	Children not enrolled in CHRP	Total Children
1	3	4

2	2	4
3	1	4

Although specific provider capacity regulations will no longer be noted within the CHRP regulations, HCPF will continue to monitor these limits and support stakeholders on these changes along with our partners at CDHS.

Attachment(s):

None

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